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PRICE FIVE CENTS

BANK OF LOWELL IS OBJECT  
OF WOULD BE BANK ROBBERS  
MONDAY MORNING; ARRESTED

Pay Day Morning is Time Set for Daring Daylight Holdup—Younger Man of Team Informs Friend Who, in Turn, Informs Marshal Allison—Plan is Frustrated—Man by Name of Gerry A. rested

PLANNED TO ENTER THE BANK  
WHEN IT'S DOORS WERE OPENED

Well Matured Plans Go Astray When Younger Man Sends Information to Police—Fairly Complete Outfit of Disguises Found in Two Places in Bisbee—Mustache Is Found on Person of One Man—Charge of Conspiracy

A broad-daylight bank robbery was nipped in the bud in the Warren District. But for the possible tenacity of one of the would-be robbers the Bank of Lowell would have been held up Monday morning when it was opened by two men. A man who gives his name as Lewis but whose real name is probably Gerry, is now in the branch county jail in Lowell and a well known young married man of Bisbee is under close surveillance and may be arrested.

It was through the fear of the younger man that the robbery failed to materialize. At an early hour Monday morning City Marshal James Allison of Bisbee was told of the proposed robbery by a friend of the younger of the two "stick-ups." Allison promptly notified John Foster, representative of the Arizona Banks Association. Foster got in immediate touch with the officials of the Bank of Lowell and then with the Lowell officers.

According to the younger of the two men the plan of robbery was one of the boldest ever thought of in the state of Arizona. Monday was pay day in the district with the Copper Queen and with the Calumet and Arizona. The men figured that the Bank of Lowell would have a large amount of money on hand and were prepared to make a considerable haul. The facts of the matter are that the Bank of Lowell, though carrying a large amount of deposits, never carries a heavy amount of currency, gold and silver.

The young man of the team claims that Gerry practically compelled him to go through with the scheme. He claims to have met Gerry while the two were working at the Junction shaft for the C. & A. company. There apparently the plan was unfolded.

Both men were to repair at seven o'clock Monday morning to the abandoned tunnel just south of the Deen Bridge. Promptly at 9 o'clock when the doors of the Bank of Lowell were opened the two men were to enter the bank. The younger man was to cover the bank employees while Gerry went through the safe and the drawers for the cash. The door was to have been locked. After the job should have been completed it was planned to lock the employees up in the vault and go out of the bank through the side door and mingle there with the crowd, making no effort to escape.

Plans were also made, according to the informant, to hide the money in the Junction dump until such a time as they could get it without interference.

A dinner pail, with a black cap on it, was found in the O. K. stables, where it was left by the younger man on Monday morning. This was intended for use when the bank was entered by the young men. A suit of dark clothes was also found at a local cigar stand. They were left there by Lewis, or Gerry.

After the conspiracy became known to the officers they set out in search of Gerry. He was found on Main street and arrested. In his pockets were found some 45 calibre shells, a false mustache and fifteen cents. Gerry was asked by the officers what he intended to do with the mustache. He replied that he was going to have some fun around Christmas time with it.

The lateness of the hour Monday morning, when the two men finally got together, and the added fact that Gerry apparently suspected his companion, probably saved the bank from at least an attempted robbery. Gerry is reported as saying to his companion that the job would be postponed for a couple of days. Gerry is also said to have demanded of the other man that he secure \$10 with

PLOT TO BLOW UP  
FRENCH STEAMER IS  
HALTED BY POLICE

Four Germans Are Arrested In New Orleans Charged With An Attempt to Destroy Ship—Police Have Confessions.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22.—The arrest here tonight of four Germans is believed by the police, to have frustrated a plot to blow up the French steamer Rochambeau. The police confiscated a box containing seventy-five pounds of dynamite set by a clockwork to explode six and one half days from tonight.

The prisoners, two of whom are said by the authorities to have confessed, said they understood the Rochambeau was to sail from New York Saturday, shipping records, however, show she left New York December 13 and the police believe the alleged conspirators miscalculated the date of her departure. Their plan, it is said, was to ship the bomb by express consigned to the Rochambeau at New York. It was intended the vessel be blown up after she got to sea.

Worry over the prospective loss of innocent lives is believed to be responsible for the discovery of the plot. Of those arrested, Peter Langman, when questioned by detectives who have been at work on the case for ten days, said he told them while he was willing to blow up French and English ships, he was not willing to see persons not directly connected with the war die.

On information given by Langman the police arrested Frank Helon, alias Hans Heller, and held him on a charge of preparing explosives for shipment in violation of the federal statute. George Summers and Geo. Brinkham, the former proprietor of the Faust Hotel, are held as accessories, while Langman is allowed his freedom.

Helon admitted, the police say, that he prepared the bomb and expected to express it tonight from the Faust Hotel. Summers admitted, the police say, that he knew Helon was working upon the explosives, but denied that he knew the purpose or intended using of them.

FIFTEEN FIRMS SAY  
PRICE OF EGGS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Fifteen butter and eggs firms of New York City virtually control the prices of the two commodities throughout the United States, according to information made public by the state attorney general's office, which is investigating the sale of butter and eggs.

Many of the fifteen firms are alleged to have national control of prices and have an income as high as \$12,000,000, according to Deputy Kennedy in control of the executive committee of the New York mercantile exchange.

## HERE'S FRENCH MILITARY KITCHEN IN THE ARGONNE FOREST

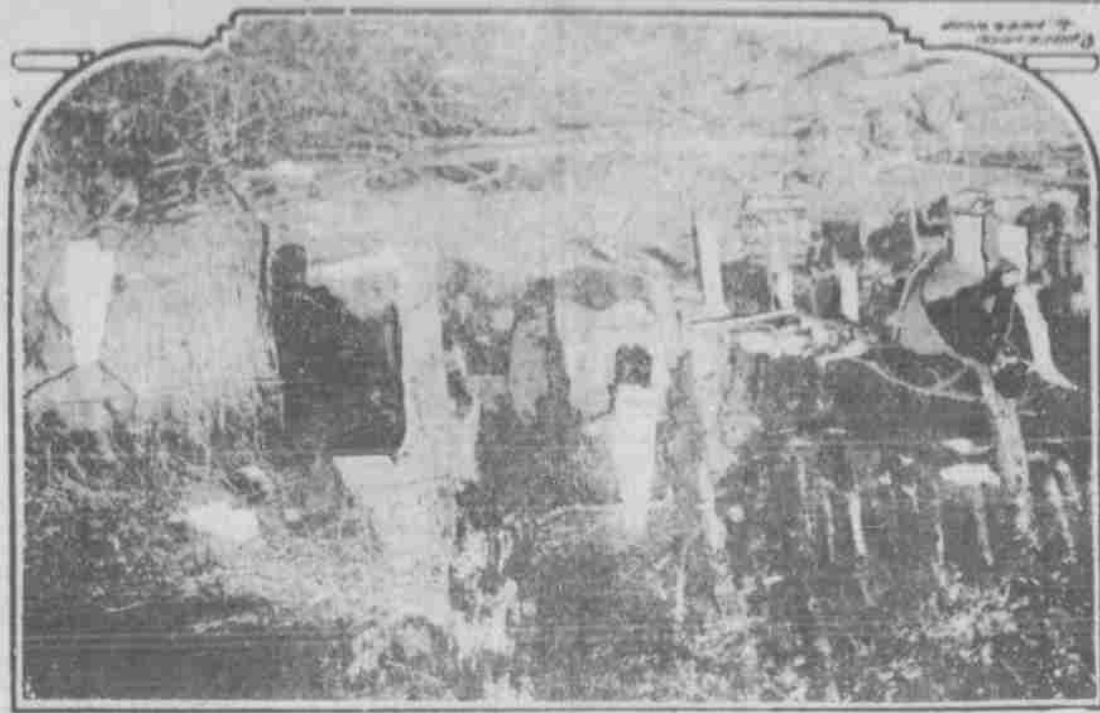


Photo shows a French camp kitchen built in the forest of Argonne, where the French in their recent engagements against the Germans have gained a little ground.

National Prohibition Takes Its  
Count When House Votes Down  
Resolution By a Good Margin

Hobson Amendment Gets Bare Majority Votes Cast While Two Thirds Was Necessary To Pass Bill Along to Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Hobson resolution to submit the constitutional amendment for national prohibition to the state legislatures was defeated in the house tonight, 197 members voting for it and 189 against it. The affirmative vote of two-thirds was required to adopt the resolution.

Immediately after the announcement of the vote, the house adjourned, the crowd which packed the galleries throughout the prolonged debate, dispersing with mingled expressions of regret and jubilation.

Prohibition leaders declare a majority for the resolution fulfilled their expectations, as they had not hoped for a two-thirds vote this time. Whether similar resolutions pending in the senate submitting Senator Sheppard of Texas, would reach a vote in the senate this session is not certain tonight.

Administration leaders are inclined to believe, however, that it would not be in view of the action of the house. Notwithstanding the repeated public assertions that many members of the house would try to dodge a record vote on the issue the roll call disclosed a heavy attendance larger than the average throughout the session.

After more than ten hours of remarkable debate the house was ready for roll call on the resolution tonight. It was at the conclusion of one of the most stirring contests of recent days in congress and it was following votes on several amendments that the final vote was reached. Hobson had closed the general debate participated in by all the house leaders, many of whom were repeatedly cheered by men and women in the crowded galleries. Speaker Clark repeatedly admonished the spectators to maintain order.

Although advocates of the Hobson resolution frankly predicted it would receive a majority vote, many of them, including Hobson, conceded at the start that the resolution would not receive the required two-thirds vote necessary for adoption.

Before the final roll call Hobson presented an amendment which was adopted giving to "congress and to states concurrently" power to enforce prohibition by needful legislation. The amendment offered by Adamson to give states absolute control of prohibition under the proposed prohibition amendment was voted down on a rising vote by 179 to 52.

As the vote was ordered on the resolution itself, Hobson made the final dramatic move.

"Mr. Speaker," he said, "I wish to ask whether any member of this house, who has a financial interest in the question now pending, who owns stock in distilleries or breweries, who owns a saloon or who has property leased to liquor interests, can, under the rules, vote on the question."

The Speaker explained that precedents held that if a member is affected as one of a class, the rule would not prevent his voting, but such a

question is usually left to the member himself.

Representative Volmer of Iowa, declared the prohibition movement "a wave of hysteria" and said that the amendment would destroy four billion dollars worth of property.

"These people denounce all who make liquor," he said, "forgetting that George Washington was a brewer, Thomas Jefferson a distiller, Abraham Lincoln a barkeeper, and even Jesus Christ of Nazareth, according to my Bible, turned water into wine at a wedding and that wine was not 'grape juice,' for it was made to add festivity to that occasion where grape juice would have given little satisfaction to those wedding guests, who were used to something with a kick in it. Grape juice never added anything to a wedding or a wake."

On the final vote 386 votes were recorded. To have carried it would have required 258 affirmative and thus it failed by 61 votes. Party lines were wiped out. Democratic Leader Underwood and Republican Leader Mann fought shoulder to shoulder and were the head forces opposing the resolution.

CITY'S XMAS TREE TO  
BIDE GOOD WEATHER

Illumination and Musical Program Will Be Held Before New Year's.

Unless bad weather is prolonged, it will take more than floods to defeat the project of a municipal Christmas tree for the Warren District. In order to insure the success of the undertaking—even though a postponement has been found necessary—the original plans have been changed. The illumination of the tree and the program of music will be deferred until such a time as the children of the district and also the elders can enjoy the festivities under good weather conditions.

The committee in charge of the decorations and the music decided yesterday to inform the public that the several features of the celebration will be held on the first available dates prior to New Year's. The committee heads are confident that sunshine and comparatively dry underfooting will return during the week preceding December 31. A break in the clouds will be a signal for installing decorations and summoning the musicians to the celebration. Public announcements will be made so that the expectant crowds will know the day and the time when all may assemble around the municipal Christmas tree and participate to the fullest in an event which will be no less enjoyable, because it was deferred.

## HAVE MUCH SUCCESS.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—(Night official.)—Northwest of Pula and south of Noyon the enemy executed last night violent counter attacks which were all repulsed. South of Valenciennes we gained a foothold in Bourlennes where our attacks are continuing. We made progress in that vicinity and west of Vauquois.

SCOTT AND MEXICAN  
GENERALS FAIL TO  
MEET DUE TO RAINS

Is Said Scott Will Suggest That Neutral Boundary Be Established Along Line—New Contingent Arrives to Stall Meetings.

Owing to the continued severity of the weather the conference between General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army and General Benjamin Hill, commander of the Carranza forces in Naco has been postponed indefinitely. General Scott could not get out of his camp into the town of Naco yesterday, owing to the heavy water in the creek which separates the camp and the town.

Another element has entered into the proposed conference between Governor Maytorena and General Scott. It has developed that, according to the constitution of the state of Sonora, the governor can now come outside of the territory of the state for such a purpose.

According to Maytorena it would require a special act of the Mexican congress to grant the permission requisite for him to go across the line. It is considered likely that Provisional President Guiterrez will be asked to waive the obstacles in order that the conference may be held.

In case this technicality is eliminated it is barely possible the conference may be held in Nogales. Governor Maytorena can reach Nogales by rail as can also General Scott.

Though General Scott will make no statement in regard to the wishes of the United States in the matter it is understood from sources close to the head that Maytorena will be asked to retire twenty kilometers from the boundary line. Hill will also be implored to retire to a like distance and occupy relative positions to those which they now hold in and around Naco.

Though it is not known definitely it is felt in quarters familiar with the workings of the Maytorena camp that the Governor of Sonora will not accede to the wishes of Scott. The Governor, it seems, feels that he will be placed at a material disadvantage if he should go out of his present lines to such a distance from the border.

Outside of the postponed conference little else is doing in Naco, outside of the continued wet weather. All camps are flooded. One of the United States army mules was drowned yesterday while attempting to ford the swollen creek just north of Naco. Traffic is greatly embarrassed in all directions and all look to a cessation of the rains as a blessing.

CARRANZA ALMOST  
MEETS HIS DOOM.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Carranza's trip from Vera Cruz to the isthmus of Tehuantepec was interrupted by Zapata forces who captured Soledad and from there sent a wild locomotive into his approaching train. Neither Carranza nor any of his party was injured.

These facts are reported in a private dispatch from a point on this railroad. Carranza officials deny emphatically that their chiefs intended to flee to Central America.

FLOOD RAINS  
CONTINUE TO  
POUR FORTH

Unprecedented Downpour Of Past Seventy-Two Hours Does Considerable Damage In District, Threatens More.

BREWERY GULCH  
IS RAGING TORRENT

Reports From Every Part Of County and State Would Indicate Storm Is General All Over Southwest.

With scrapers, plows and dredges, accompanied by extensive levee work along Brewery Gulch, with the water seriously threatening many of the improvements on Quality Hill, not to mention several bad places in Tombstone Canyon the Warren District has faced, for the past twenty-four hours, the worst storm for many years.

First of attention there is Brewery Gulch. It would seem that most of the water comes from the Gulch. The upper reaches of the canyon include a great deal of territory and, owing to the soaked condition of the country in general, practically all of the water is now flowing.

From the end of the roadway, up Brewery Avenue, the constant, rushing stream of water, has cut a regular channel. In some places the walls have been undermined and in others parts of buildings have been carried away. The residents of Upper Brewery Avenue, are having great difficulty in getting down to the business district.

Just above the Henderson-Watkins Lumber Company, a house, belonging to the Orient Realty Company was vacated yesterday by the occupants. The building had become unsafe. At about the same point an automobile belonging to William Barr was marooned in the water. It is understood that the machine was later rescued.

Lower Brewery Gulch was a sight yesterday. Business was practically suspended. The east side of the Gulch, from the Orpheum to the Brewery Gulch restaurant was practically inaccessible. The Edelweiss Cafe and all of the other places of business along the east side of the street and in the lower parts of the buildings were inundated. In spite of flood gates and other precautionary measures taken, the business houses were flooded.

On the other side of the Gulch considerable damage was done. In order to keep the water out of the Hermitage it was necessary to bring in a great amount of gravel and bank it up in front of the door. This, however, did not prevent the water from flooding the cellar. The Palace Grocery Company, still further south along the same side of the street, was unfortunate enough to have its basement flooded. George Berry's barber shop, under the Central Pharmacy suffered in the same manner. For two nights past the Orpheum Theatre has been practically at a standstill. The water has been eddying and swirling from both sides of the theatre and forming an apex in front of the show house.

Tombstone Canyon is more fortunate. Main street is not hurt in the least. The subway accommodates all of the water that has found its way down from the watershed. To be sure the thoroughfare is thoroughly soaked, but, up to date, has not been subjected to the inconveniences, to say nothing of the considerable damage inflicted, that the merchants along Brewery Gulch have.

The retaining wall at the Barnum Stop, in Tombstone Canyon, just east of the new fire station, is liable to crumble at any time. The wall did not go to bed rock and the water coursing down through the gulch has worn its way in behind the wall.

Other walls in every part of the city, are threatened and some have already fallen. Quality Hill seems to be suffering the worst. Several homes are seriously threatened and the stairway leading up to the Hill from the east side, has been closed. It is considered extremely dangerous.

Lorenzo Wright, street supervisor of Bisbee, and in fact the whole city force, are busy with strenuous efforts to keep the damage at a minimum.

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WAR ZONES  
RAGE WITH  
NO CHANGE

Fighting Proceeds in East and West Without Material Changes in Positions Of Either of Contenders.

WARSHIPS GIVE LAND  
FORCES SMALL RESTS

Progress of Allies in West Is Slow—Military Critics Believe Advances Will Make German Positions Weaker.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Heavy fighting is taking place on both the eastern and western fronts, but without producing any material change in the positions of the opposing armies.

In France and Belgium the Allies' offensive is being pressed while some ground has been gained at widely separated points and other attacks have been repulsed by the Germans from strongly entrenched positions.

In the northern area artillery and warships yesterday took up the battle, giving the infantry a rest, but lower down the line, from Oise to Meuse fierce fighting took place in many districts.

While the progress of the Allies was extremely slow, it is the belief of the military experts here and in France that the gains which the general staff has been able to report are disturbing the German's system of fortifications at vital points and will if successfully continued, compel the retirement by the Germans from this present line.

In the east, most of the Germans north of the Vistula have retired, across the East Prussian frontier before an onrush of Russian forces, but south of that river, between the Bzura and Pilica, the Germans continue their advance, but south of that river, it is announced tonight that in a fierce battle they succeeded in crossing branches of the Bzura and the Rawka rivers in many places. This should bring the main armies very close together and a few days will tell whether the German advance is to be definitely checked or whether the Germans are again to threaten Warsaw.

Fighting also continues in Galicia, but here as along the East Prussian frontier the Russians have been successful in holding back the Austro-German forces.

The Germans who are extremely strong along the whole eastern frontier are already reported to be moving troops back to the west to meet the Allies offensive, but it is not considered likely that this movement will reach large proportions until some decisive result has been attained in the contest against the Russians.

RUSSIANS DRIVE  
GERMANS OVER LINE.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.—The heavy German column has been driven across the East Prussian frontier from Mlawa in Russian Poland, by the Russians spreading out to the east and west, according to reports from the front. The purpose of the German movement was to debouch to the right of the entrenched Mazur lake position and reinforce troops in the vicinity of Thorn for protection against the continued Russian advance on the Thorn-Allenstein-Insterburg railroad, which is the main strategic line paralleling in North Poland frontier. The Russian success here not only threatens the right of German Mazur Lake position but also threatens the left wing of the army operating before Warsaw.

The Bourae-Gazette calls attention to the shifting of the weight of the German troops from Belgium to the Poland front but the newspaper is of the opinion that this action means no light end of the task before the Allies since the withdrawal of Germans from the western battle front is from parts of the line where reinforcements are provided of sufficient strength of withold the French and British forces. It is stated that a heavy draft on the seasoned first line German troops is being filled out by the pick of the reservists and new levies are being sent to the Polish fronts.

A second attempt made by the Austrians to pierce the Russian line facing the Carpathians at Sanck and

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